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SUBJECT: OAU SECRETARY GENERAL ELECTION: NIGERIAN BACKGROUND
ROLE IN TOGOLESE CANDIDACY

REF: LOME 2070

1. IN MY FAREWELL CALL TODAY ON NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR ADEUGA ADEKUOYE, HE INFORMED ME THAT NIGERIA AND OTHER "PROGRESSIVE" STATES HAD DECIDED TO SUPPORT TOGOLESE FONMIN KODJO FOR OAU SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE FEBRUARY TRIPOLI OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING. SUBSEQUENTLY, KODJO'S STRENGTH AMONG EAST AFRICANS HAD SOFTENED, LARGELY AS RESULT OF TOGOLESE PARTICIPATION IN SHABA PAN AFRICAN FORCE.

2. ADEKUOYE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA REMAINS COMMITTED TO KODJO (EVEN THOUGH THE MINISTRY LEANS TOWARD ETEKI). GARBA INTERVENED PERSONALLY WITH PRESIDENT EYADEMA TO
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URGE SUCCESSFULLY (SEE REFTTEL) THAT KODJO BE AUTHORIZED TO BECOME CANDIDATE AND THAT TOGO UNDERTAKE NECESSARY LOBBYING IN HIS BEHALF. LATTER INTERVENTION TOOK PLACE IN MAY DURING A SECRET GARBA VISIT TO LOME.

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3. RACE IS TOSS UP AT THIS POINT, ACCORDING TO ADEKUOYE, BUT HE BELIEVES KODJO MIGHT GET NARROW

MAJORITY ON FIRST BALLOT.

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